

REMARKS

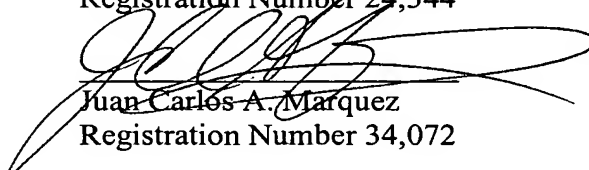
The above amendment to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 in view of the Notice of Allowability dated February 23, 2007. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the Application through the submission of this Amendment. In view of all the above and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due consideration to this Amendment, and to pass this case to issue.

Conclusion

Favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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